





### Today's Advertisements.

**ZETLAND LODGE.**  
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-NIGHT, the 27th instant, at 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1884]

### HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the V.R.C. (by permission) TO-MORROW AFTERNOON at 5 o'clock to adopt some Club Rules.  
F. BROWNE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1914]

### CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION No. 171.

#### WEST RIVER; BOARDING CERTIFICATE.

ALL VESSELS Trading from HONGKONG to the WEST RIVER are REQUIRED, for purposes of identification, to comply with the rule hitherto in force for steam-launches, viz: they must call at either *Canton* or *Changchow* Customs station and undergo inspection or search by the Customs Officer, who will thereupon provide them with a BOARDING CERTIFICATE to show that this regulation has been complied with. This Certificate is to be delivered up to the Customs at Malacca or Wongmoo on passing into the River.  
E. B. DREW,  
Commissioner of Customs.  
Custom House,  
Canton, 27th December, 1897.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

#### "THAMES."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.  
This vessel brings on board:  
From London, ex S.S. *Frederick*.  
From Zanzibar, ex S.S. *Palma*.  
From Australia, ex S.S. *Victoria*.  
From Taitou, ex S.S. *Asia*.  
From Persia Gulf, ex S.S. *Palma*, *Stimia* and *Kapoorthal*.  
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.  
Goods not cleared by the 2nd January at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.  
All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1-15]

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

#### "CEYLON."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUZ, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.  
This vessel brings on board:  
From Italy, ex S.S. *Suffol*.  
From Madras, ex S.S. *Londana*.  
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### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MOGUL."

FROM PORTLAND, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.  
Cargo Impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1-15]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(FLORIO & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.

Having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA.

ALSO

VENICE AND TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

#### "LETIMBERO."

Captain Belio, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1915]

### Today's Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

#### "TUNGCHOW."

Captain Vardin, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1909]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

#### "POLYPHEMUS."

Captain Goodwin, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 27th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1910]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship

#### "NANYANG."

Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1911]

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

#### "PORT ADELAIDE."

to sail about the 15th January, 1898.

S.S. "ARGVILL," about 15th Feb. 1898.

S.S. "GAZZER," about 20th Feb. 1898.

S.S. "LE'NOX," about 10th March, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1913]

### Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1906]

### TAKE NOTE

IT IS UNIVERSALLY ADMITTED THAT TO indicate the exact use of words, no DICTIONARY can compare with the New Edition of

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY.

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### NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph," and sent to the Editor.  
Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor," and not to individual members of the staff.  
Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.  
While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

### TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this daily paper not later than Three o'clock so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.  
Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.  
The Hongkong Telegraph has the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East, and is therefore the best medium for Advertisers. Terms can be learnt on application. The Hongkong Telegraph's number at the Telephone Central Exchange is No. 1. Telegraphic address—"Telegraph," Hongkong.

### DEATH.

On November 22nd, 1897, at University College Hospital, London, ETHEL WORRELL, dearly loved daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. E. L. Clement; aged 22 years and 10 months. Sadly missed and deeply regretted. [1915]

### The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1897.

### TELEGRAMS.

#### THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, December 24th.

There is no change in the political situation and no news of any of the fleets at present.

#### SUICIDE IN SHANGHAI.

Mr. Kluth, manager of the Club Concordia (German) has committed suicide by administering chloroform to himself. The reason suggested is that he was in financial difficulties.

### REUTERS' MESSAGES.

#### RUSSIA IN CHINA.

LONDON, December 23rd.

Russia demands the dismissal of English Engineers employed on the Chinese Railways. Russian Military instructors replace the Germans employed in China.

#### LOSSES IN THE AFRIDI EXPEDITION.

The total casualties in the Afridi expedition to date are 433 killed and 1311 wounded. Including 36 British Officers killed and 81 wounded.

#### RUSSIA AT PORT ARTHUR.

The Times' Peking Correspondent states that the C.N. will reconstruct the forts at Port Arthur under Russian supervision and with Russian money, thus pointing to a permanent occupation.

#### THE NORTH FRONTIER WAR.

LONDON, December 24th.

The Peshawar Column has entered the Kyber Pass without opposition.

#### THE SOUDAN.

The Dervishes from Shedd and Metemmeh are advancing against the Egyptians, the objective, it is believed, being Berber.

#### REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE FRENCH CHINA SQUADRON.

The French cruiser *Jeanne d'Arc* and *Pascal* have sailed for the Far East.

#### NEW U.S. MINISTER.

Col. Bryan has been appointed United States Minister to China.

(Apparently this is the unsuccessful Silverite candidate at the late P.C. election, and, if so, it is a very convenient way of getting rid of him.)

### THE PHILIPPINES.

We are cordially informed by Senor José de Navarro, Consul for Spain at this port, that he received the following telegram from His Excellency the Governor-General of the Philippines on the evening of the Saturday last:—"I inform your Lordship with great satisfaction that the principal leaders of the insurrection on the left arms calling out 'long life for Spain' long live the King and the peace."

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Pique* will pay off on the 31st instant.

Tax buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.18 per £.

Tax American and Canadian mails are due here to-morrow.

The German cruiser *Kaiserin Augusta* left for Kioochow Bay yesterday afternoon.

Delivery of the English mail (ex *Thames*), was commenced at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

An Important Customs notification relating to the West River trade will be found in our advertising columns.

This return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended Dec 19th are:—Europeans, 237; Chinese, 2,533; total 2,770.

All the steamer *Zofra* was swinging round to her moorings in mid harbour on Friday afternoon she narrowly escaped being rammed by the Japanese steamer *Sagamaru*. As it was the latter vessel scraped the *Zofra*, which lost several of her boats and davits.

Messrs. Stimson & Co. have favoured us with a "revised edition" of the calendar issued by them as agents for the North German Fire Insurance Company of Hamburg. The first one they sent us was inadvertently printed without the address of the Hongkong Office, and we suggested that it ought to be inserted, in the firm's own interests. This is now all right. Messrs. Stimson & Co. also courteously inform us that the scene which we were unable to locate in the Outer Aisle, one of the prettiest spots in the vicinity of Hamburg.

The Volunteers will go out for gun practice to the bay east of Deep Water Bay on New Year's Day. Parade at Headquarters at 10 a.m.; transport will be provided. Full muster of both units is desired.

On Thursday next at the Hongkong Hotel there will be an exhibition of simultaneous Chess-playing and Messrs. Souza and Hendley will meet all comers. Play commences at 8.30 p.m. and players are requested to bring with them boards and men if convenient.

On Saturday next at 4.30 p.m. the Hongkong Football Club will play Kowloon. On next Saturday week January 8th, "Scotland" will play the "World." The game will commence at 4 p.m. and in all probability will be the finest struggle for supremacy in connection with this annual match, that has yet been witnessed.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—  
Wong Chuk Yau, \$35  
Ip Chuk Kai, 15  
Cheung Wo, 3

The Bird Street murder case was concluded at the Supreme Court after we went to press on Friday. The jury retired at 6.50 p.m. and after an absence of a quarter of an hour, returned a unanimous verdict of guilty against the first, third and fourth prisoners. The second prisoner was found not guilty and discharged. His Lordship then passed sentence of death on the three prisoners who were found guilty.

The South British Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Hongkong agent Messrs. S. J. David & Co., have favoured us with their calendar for 1898, which is in the well-known and easily recognizable style which that office adopts every year, thereby typifying the unvarying of the story of steady progress throughout all the years that the Company has been in existence. Its invested capital is £1,000,000. In the last 15 years the losses paid on policies have amounted to £2,972,000. The balance, like the firm it represents, is plain and business-like.

AW able seaman of the P. & O. liner *Ceylon* named Robert Duncan was charged at the Magistrate to-day with refusing duty. Capt. R. R. Pearce gave evidence that he ordered Duncan to turn to this morning but he absolutely refused to do so in spite of his advice. The prisoner had a fight last night with the winchman and the ganger and he refused duty as he thought that there would be trouble. He was in debt with the company for £30.2. Duncan, in defence, stated that he would not go back to the steamer because of the fight and he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. He seemed to be satisfied with this penalty and with a "Thank you, sir" he left the Court.

THE case of Mr. Benneritz (at Shanghai) has reached a point when, if the British community here do not come to his assistance, injustice will triumph, and the Chinese will succeed in their long-undisputed design to starve him out. It is not a question now of Mr. Benneritz alone; it is a question now of British rights generally. Sooner or later the Chinese will be made to apologise to Sir Nicholas Hammett for the grovelling way in which he was insulted, and to compensate Mr. Benneritz for the prolonged injustice and injury that have been done him; but the way of diplomacy is slow if they are sure, and the delay is becoming more than Mr. Benneritz is able to bear. It will be a disgrace to us all if he is not put in a position to see the thing through now that it has gone so far, and if the Chinese are allowed to succeed in their endeavour to reduce him to absolute destitution. — *N. C. Daily News.*

We have received the prospectus of the College School, Victoria, British Columbia, an old established institution which is now being put on a new basis; its scope enlarged and its staff considerably strengthened. The principal, Mr. J. W. Laing, M.A. of Christchurch, Oxford, has received very high commendations from a number of distinguished persons, as also has the Rev. C. E. Sharp, who has been principal for the past four years and is now to co-operate with the new head. The climate of British Columbia is a very fine and healthy one, and a high-class school therefore will be greatly appreciated by many residents in China and Japan ports, who have boys to bring up. The distance is not really very great and the advantage of a thoroughly high-class education amidst the wholesome surroundings of an English public school cannot be too highly appreciated. The fees are very moderate and the particulars given in the prospectus make it appear to be a most admirable institution. A special feature of the school is to be the development of technical education. There is an upper and lower school, the latter being for boys under the age of twelve. We have however one strong objection to make, namely, that while the ordinary school course includes "religious instruction based on the principles of the Church of England" with catechism and prayer book apparently compulsory, such subjects as German, drawing, music, and French literature, correspondence and conversation, besides technical education and school games, all come in as extra with extra charges. We have nothing to say against the Church of England or against religious instruction, in the abstract, but we do object to having the Church of England catechism forced down people's throats. We should strongly resent having the children of say Roman Catholics, or Nonconformists, or Jews or Buddhists taught to damn their parents with the forceful tolerance of the Athanasian creed, and we object to German being made extra, while we consider music quite as valuable as religious instruction, if not more so, and it ought not to be made extra. Extras are objectionable anyhow, and these particular extras are particularly objectionable. In other respects the Victoria College School appears to be a most admirable institution which we would have great pleasure in recommending throughout the East.

### CRICKET.

#### H. K. C. C







